GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1209
ANSWERED ON:29.07.2003
SHIFTING OF HEADQUARTER OF COAL INDIA LTD.
SHIBU SOREN

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the coal mining activities are being carried out in Jharkhand whereas Kolkata and West Bengal have very little share in the coal mining activities;

(b) if so, whether the Government are contemplating to shift the Headquarters of Coal India Limited from Kolkata to Ranchi;

(c) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a) : The number of coal mines working as on 1.4.2003 in the State of West Bengal and Jharkhand are 97 and 158 respectively.

(b) : No, sir.

(c) : Question does not arise.

(d) : Coal India Limited headquarter has been in Kolkata for a long time. There is no justification for shifting it to Ranchi.